

TROY ISD PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Troy ISD recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and family during the entire period the child spends in school. Engaging parents is essential to improve student achievement. To support the goal of the School District to educate all students effectively, the school and parents must work together as knowledgeable partners.

Although parents are diverse in culture, language, and needs, they share the school's commitment to the educational success of their children. Troy ISD and each campus, in collaboration with parents, shall establish programs and practices that enhance parent involvement and reflect the specific needs of students and their families regardless of economic status, race, ethnicity, English proficiency, or level of ability. Parents, teachers and administrators will work together to identify barriers that prevent greater participation by parents and will attempt to alleviate any barriers that are identified.

To this end, Troy ISD supports the development, implementation and regular evaluation of a parent involvement program on each campus, which will involve parents at various grade levels. The parent involvement programs will be comprehensive and coordinated in nature. They will include, but not be limited to, the following components of successful parent involvement programs:

- Communication between home and school is regular, two-way, and meaningful.
- Responsible parenting is promoted and supported.
- Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning.
- Parents are welcome in the schools, and their support and assistance are sought.
- Parents are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families.
- Community resources are made available to strengthen school programs, family practices and student learning.

Troy ISD supports professional development opportunities for staff members to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies. Troy ISD also recognizes the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation. The school district will, with the assistance of its schools and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools.

In addition to programs at the school level, Troy ISD supports the development, implementation, and regular evaluation of a program to involve parents in the decisions and practices of the district using the components listed above to the degree possible.

This district-wide parental involvement policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs.

This policy was adopted by the Troy ISD on October 27, 2014, and will be in effect for the 2014-2015 school year. The school district will post this policy online and inform parents of Title I, Part A campuses regarding how to access this policy in either electronic or paper format on or before October 28, 2014.